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**Johnson Community Lunch serves its 3,657<sup>th</sup> Meal**

Since December 2010, Johnson State College's Dining Services/Sodexo has served 3,657 meals at the United Church of Johnson. CommUNITY Lunch is a very special initiative which brings members of the community together to break bread, form new friendships and raise money for the Johnson Food Shelf.

"It's always very pleasant to be there," say local resident Betty Hart. "The servers are very friendly and the food is excellent."

Diners are invited to drop a donation into a jar for the Johnson Food Shelf. Through their generosity, a check for \$282.82 was presented to Mary Bushnell, President of the Johnson Food Shelf, at the November 13<sup>th</sup> lunch, a Thanksgiving feast.

CommUNITY Lunch is successful due to the collaboration of the following partners: Johnson State College Dining Services/Sodexo, United Church of Johnson, Laraway Youth & Family Services, The Hub Restaurant, Lovin' Cup Café, JSC SERVE, People in Partnership, and dedicated volunteers and friends.

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